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10/722,168	11/25/2003	Wayne L. Pratt	2965.906US03

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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

#### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- Consent of assignee is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that a reissue oath/declaration be accompanied by the written consent of all assignees.
- Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue application establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$474** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1374** for a Large Entity

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03	FC:1202		216.00	OP
04	FC:1051		130.00	OP

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$474**
  - **\$258** for **3** independent claims over the original patent.
  - **\$216** for **12** total claims over the higher of 20, or the amount in the original patent.

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Attorney Docket No.: 2965.906US03  
Pratt, et al. Confirmation No.: 7515  
Application No.: 10/722,168  
Filed: November 25, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3753  
For: DOUBLE DIAPHRAGM PRECISION THROTTLING VALVE

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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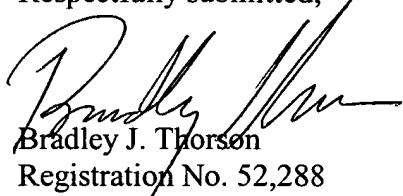
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed January 30, 2004, submitted herewith is an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from Wayne L. Pratt and one from William Michael Kolarik. A check in the amount of \$1,374.00 is enclosed to cover the surcharge and filing fee. The Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) and Consent of Assignee were filed with the U.S. PTO December 22, 2003 and received in the OIPE December 29, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Respectfully submitted,



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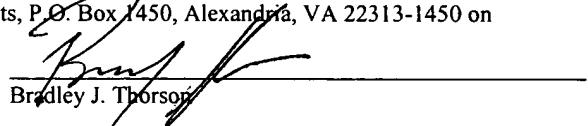
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